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- *Grades 7 – 8*
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- Jessica Bergmaier
- *Grades K - 3*
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Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School Academic Profile 2017 - 2018

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CEEB Code
391441

Community & School Information

Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School (PA Leadership) is a state-approved, public cyber charter school for students in grades K through 12 who reside within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Students are individually scheduled for classes, with the ability to select from over 200 course offerings.

Curriculum

The curriculum at PA Leadership meets or exceeds all Pennsylvania State Academic Standards. Courses are taught by highly qualified, certified teachers who work from one of the PA Leadership sites. PA Leadership combines academically challenging, knowledge-based curriculum with the best teaching practices and the latest technology. Textbooks and all learning materials are provided for students as well as various online resources. The curriculum materials serve as the foundation at PA Leadership, but the greatest strength of the curriculum resides with the teachers who develop their own unique courses, deliver instruction, create and grade assignments, and interact with students on a daily basis.

- **Center for Performing and Fine Arts**

Director: Mr. Mark Allen

The Center for Performing and Fine Arts (CPFA) opened in the fall of 2005 and offers art, music, theater and dance both online and onsite at our West Chester facility. It is an adjunct, audition-only program component to cyber charter school that allows students to explore a well-rounded arts education. Today, the CPFA has an enrollment of nearly 230 middle and high school students.

- **University Scholars Program**

Principal: Mr. Christopher Stiles

The University Scholars Program (USP) is an honors college-preparatory program that offers a specialized, accelerated education curriculum. USP is designed to maximize the intellectual potential for high achieving and motivated learners, where individual achievement is valued and supported. The USP program currently has an enrollment of 228 students.

***AP Courses Offered:**

- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Literature & Comp.
- Microeconomics
- Physics C
- Psychology
- Statistics
- US Government
- US History
- World History

Honors Courses Offered:

- Algebra I & II
- American Literature
- Biology
- British Literature
- Chemistry
- Geometry
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- PreCalculus & Trigonometry
- Physics
- US Government
- US History
- World History

Student Activities

- The Talon (Student Newspaper)
 - The Beak (Student Radio)
 - Yearbook
 - Student Government
 - National Honor Society
 - National Jr. Honor Society

This is a partial list of courses offered.

Special Programs

School of Professional Studies: The School of Professional Studies (SPS) is a certificate program which offers elective-based concentrations for students in grades 9-12. This program is designed to equip students for their post-secondary plans while giving them an opportunity to explore their area of interest.

Student Leadership Program: This program is designed to provide students with real world skills and educational opportunities that extend beyond the standard curriculum.

Academic Assistance: This program is designed to provide additional assistance to K-12 students who are struggling academically.

Homework Help Tutoring: Tutoring is offered during the school year as a resource for students who need extra support after normal school hours.

Dual Enrollment: PALCS provides opportunities for high school students to earn high school and college credits simultaneously through Delaware County Community College.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Academic & College Prep	Honors	AP/DE
A	94-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-93	3.70	4.30	4.70
B+	87-89	3.30	4.00	4.30
B	84-86	3.00	3.70	4.00
B-	80-83	2.70	3.30	3.70
C+	77-79	2.30	3.00	3.30
C	74-76	2.00	2.70	3.00
C-	70-73	1.70	2.50	2.70
D+	67-69	1.30	1.30	1.30
D	64-66	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	60-63	0.70	0.70	0.70
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

DE-Dual Enrollment

Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma, students must successfully complete 21 credits. In addition, students must take the 11th grade Keystone examinations in Algebra, Biology and Literature.

4 Credits	English
3 Credits	Science (including Biology)
3 Credits	Math (including Algebra 1)
3.5 Credits	Social Studies (including US History or US Government-Class of 2017)
1 Credit	Arts & Humanities
1 Credit	Health/Safety/PE
1 Credit	Technology
4 Credits	Additional Electives
.5 Credit	Graduation Portfolio

Grade Point Average (GPA)

High school level courses receive quality points based on credit worth and final letter grade. Quality points are used to calculate the grade point average. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted. Courses graded as Pass/Fail are not included in the GPA.

Class Rank

Class rank is determined by using the grade point average of all students in a graduating class. Class rank is calculated after the first semester and again at the end of each school year.

SAT Test Score Information

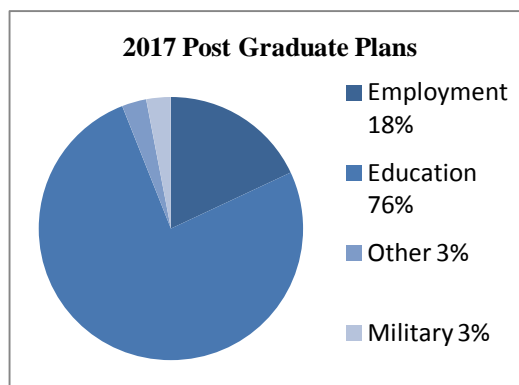
PALCS students scored 1164 overall on the SAT, higher than the state average of 1073.

ACT Test Score Information

PALCS students obtained an average composite score of 26.8 on the ACT, higher than the state average of 23.1.

AP Test Scores Information

106 students took 208 AP exams with an average score of 3.6. 81% of these students obtained a score of 3 or higher.



Graduates from the Class of 2017 were accepted by the following Colleges & Universities:

Albright College	Elizabethtown College	Millersville University	University of Pittsburgh
Alvernia University	Esperanza College	Montgomery County CC	University of Scranton
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Evangel University	Moravian College	Ursinus College
Belmont University	Geneva College	Neumann University	Villanova University
Boston University	George Mason University	New York University	West Chester University
Cabrini University	Grove City College	Northampton CC	West Virginia University
Cairn University	Harcum College	Northeastern University	Westmoreland County CC
California University	Harrisburg Area CC	Ohio Northern University	Wheaton College
Calvin College	Hood College	Penn College of Technology	Widener University
Carnegie Mellon University	Hope College	Penn State	Youngstown University
Cecil College	Houghton College	Philadelphia University	
Cedar Crest College	Immaculata University	Point Park University	
Cedarville University	I.U.P.	Reading Area CC	
Chatham University	Indiana University	Rider University	
Chesapeake College	Kean University	Robert Morris University	
Cleveland State University	Keystone College	Rocky Mountain College	
Coastal Carolina University	La Salle University	Sarah Lawrence College.	
CC of Allegheny County	Lebanon Valley College	Spring Arbor University	
CC of Philadelphia	Lehigh Carbon CC	Temple University	
Delaware County CC	Lock Haven University	Thaddeus Stevens College	
Delaware Valley University	Luzerne County CC	University of Colorado	
Drexel University	Mansfield University	University of Delaware	
Duquesne University	Marymount Manhattan	University of Maine	
East Stroudsburg University	Marywood University	University of Michigan	
Eastman School of Music	Messiah College	University of Pennsylvania	

This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which our students have been accepted.